

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 47 without my signature.

It is unnecessary to codify the policy directive contained in the Department of General Services (DGS) Management Memo 05-04 since the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) is already using a competitive bidding process for medical contracts where appropriate. This bill will impede the necessary flexibility to administer the critical medical services provided by DCR. DGS policy has eliminated the blanket policy exemption and established new requirements regarding medical services contract bidding exemptions for all state departments.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger